

THE OLD LOG CHURCH



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Rev. C. C. Arbogast was born July 7, 1857 and departed this life April 23, 1940, in his eighty-third year.

Rev. Arbogast spent all of his long and useful life at his boyhood home at Arbovale. He was brightly converted at the age of seventeen years at the old Greenbank church, and united with the M. E. church of which he was a faithful member until the end.

Until the infirmities of age prevented he was always faithful in his attendance of public worship and deeply interested in the welfare of his church. He was licensed to preach about the year 1879 and served as pastor of charges in Monroe county and in the W Va, Conference M. E. Church.

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One of his favorite hymns which he often sang contained the following stanza.

There is a happy land far, far away.
Where saints in glory stand, bright
bright as day,
Oh how they sweetly sing
Worthy is our Saviour King
Loud let His praises ring
Forever there.

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Centennial Churches

Tradition is that Mt. Zion Church was first built in 1808, on land belonging to Felix Grimes who settled in the community in 1770. The deed was given September 6, 1836, by Charles Grimes (son of Felix) and Martha, his wife, to James Wanless, William Moore, John Wanless, James Grimes, Henry Arbogast and John Waugh—trustees. "Consisting of 2 acres and 51 poles, it being a part of the survey of 510 acres granted to Felix Grimes by a patent and devised to said Charles Grimes in his will."

They sold it to the church for \$5.00. The deed reads thus: "Together with all and singular the houses, wood, waters privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise pertaining to, to have and to hold, the above mentioned and described parcel of land to the above named trustees, and their successors in office forever in trust that they shall erect or cause to be erected or build a house, a place of worship for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America according to the rules and regulations", etc.

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The people of upper Knapps Creek rode horseback by way of Mill Run to Mt. Zion. Then in 1850 they decided to build a church of their own and they built Mount Vernon.

After the Civil War the Dilleys and Shraders and others withdrew from Mount Zion because they found it closed to them and they built Bethel in 1877.

The Mt. Zion Church is still used for funerals and home-comings.

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Eileen Norbury

Miss Amelia Eileen Norbury, 18, of Marlinton, died Thursday, June 15, 1978, in a Morgantown hospital.

Born July 11, 1959, she was a daughter of the late Elmer J. Norbury and Mrs. Doris Moore Norbury, of Marlinton.

Miss Norbury was a student at West Virginia University.

She also is survived by a brother, James, of Marlinton.

Funeral services were held in the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Bosley officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in California.

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Fred B. Moore

Fred B. Moore, 76 of Huntersville, died Wednesday, September 23, 1970, in the Pochontas Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Born at Huntersville, April 13, 1894. he was a son of the late I. B. Moore and Kate Curry Moore.

He was a retired mail carrier, a member of the Huntersville Presbyterian Church and the Huntersville Masonic Lodge AF and AM No. 65.

His wife, Mrs. Grace McComb Moore, and a daughter, Dorothy, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Walker and Miss Mary Moore, both of Wilmington, Ohio; one half-brother, Grady Moore, of Marlinton; one half-sister, Mrs. Kathleen Newman, of Waynesboro, Virginia; two granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Marlinton Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Willis Cornelius and the Rev. Dona'd Wood, with burial in the Mountain View Cemetery at Marlinton.

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The Old Log Church

At the foot of the hills where
the crossroads meet,
Stands an old log church of a
hundred years and more,
Back in the country away from
the noise of city and street,
And yet after all these years
we may enter for worship
thru the old fashioned door
On a beautiful little spot stands
the old log church sur-
rounded by stately trees
A creek served for baptising in
its fresh mountain waters
that ripples nearby,
And evergreens in the back
ground so inspiring in the
balmy breeze,
All to remind us of Him that
rules on high.

This old log church so well
preserved and far past the
century mark
Has stood the season's test of
winter snow, and sleet and
summer sun and shower
Let us pause and give thanks
as on life's sea we embark,
And bow our heads in rever-
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The people rode on horses, they
walked to the old church
from far and near,

The roads were rough and often
muddy, but they came ir-
respective of color or creed,

A greeting of welcome to all
and of pride and malice
they had no fear,

Just to hear God's preached
Word and mingle their
voices in song was
the heartfelt need.

This old log church stands an
emblem of worship by
many we never knew,

But something tells us they
have been here and gone,
passed on to better lands,

Let us aspire to nobler heights
and seek God's will to do,

For a Voice softly whispers
"You too may worship
here the old church still
stands."

—Cora Cunningham

Rs. Laura Sharp Price, age 52 years, wife of Dr. J. W. Price, of this city, died at her home at Edray Tuesday morning, the cause of her death being measles, pneumonia and complications. She had been ill about two weeks preceding her death. At the outset of her illness, she had only measles, and within a few days pneumonia set in, and as it developed all hope for her recovery were given up, and Tuesday morning the end came.

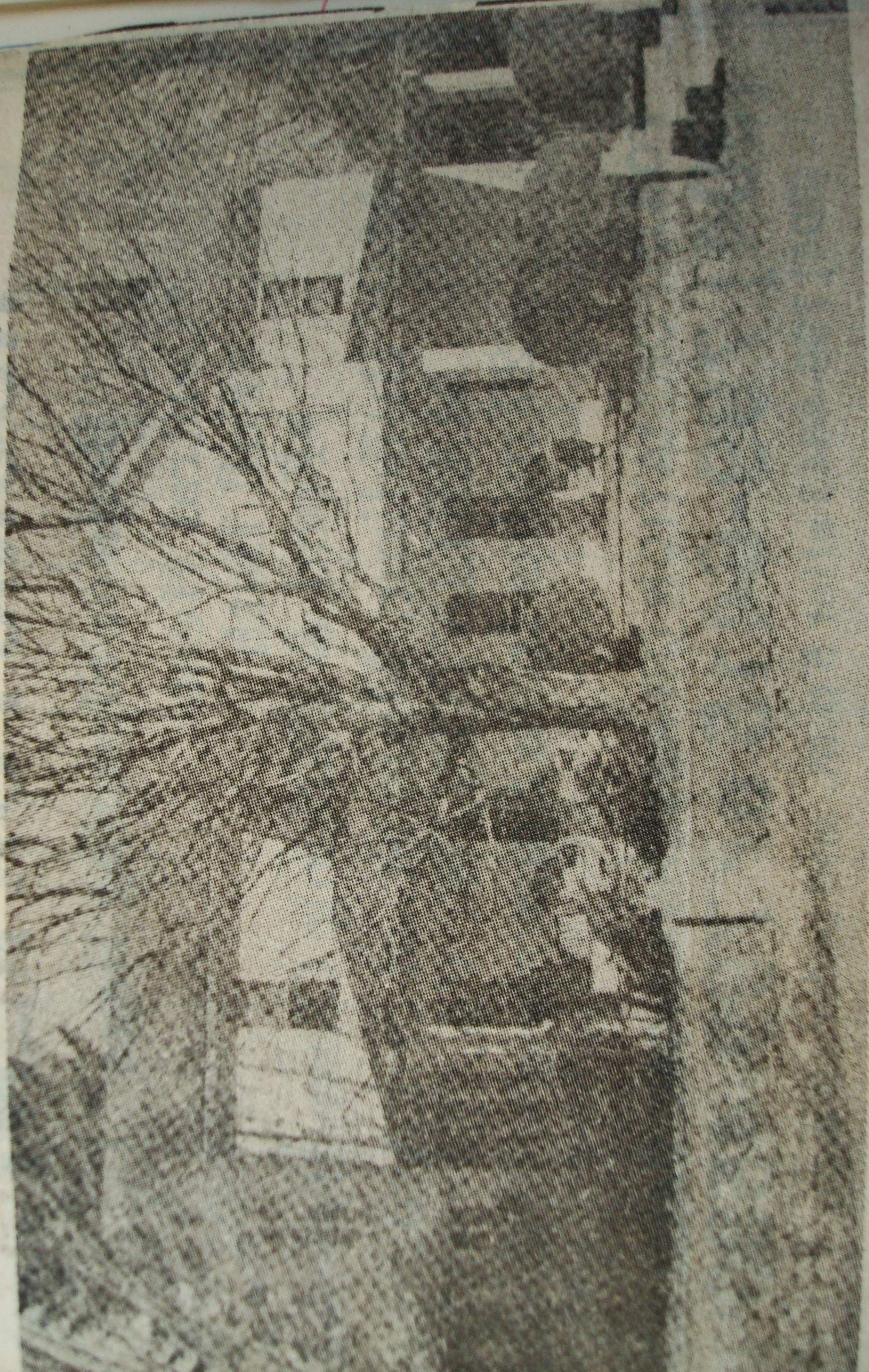
Mrs. Price was a daughter of William and Julia Sharp of Edray, both whom are dead.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two children L. Price, at home and Miss Julia, student nurse at the Montgomery Hospital.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. N. S. Hill, and interment made in the Sharp cemetery.

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First Overnight Stage Coach Stop west of the Alleghenies
First Post Office in Pocahontas County [1814 - 1906]
First Civil War Battle Scene in Pocahontas



Visitors who come to Pocahontas for Pioneer Days 1980 may find a rare
combination of ... local history

TRAVELLER'S REPOSE

ON THE STAUNTON TO PARKERSBURG TURNPIKE

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RONCEVERTE, French for "greenbrier," was founded in 1780 by Thomas Edgar. His son built the first grist mill on the Greenbrier River. Three succeeding mills burned down, but the fourth still operates today.

The city was incorporated in 1882. Soon after that, in 1897, William B. Blake established the weekly West Virginia News — the first completely offset paper in West Virginia. Blake's grandson, Norman Blake, turned it into a daily in 1967 and sold it two years later.

Today, Norman Blake is retired from the newspaper business. His wife, Virginia, formerly associate editor of the newspaper, has been mayor of Ronceverte since 1973. Their son, Bill, in his mid-20s, runs the 3-year-old bluegrass festival on the otherwise unused family farm.

The gray-haired, outgoing mayor appears to know everyone in town. She drove through Ronceverte's gracious residential streets in her tan compact car, tooting her horn and shouting out the open window every few seconds to greet old friends in the process of weeding their gardens or strolling down the block.

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of Charlestown, returned home after spending a vacation with Mrs. Stiefel's father, G. L. Carlisle, and Mrs. Carlisle, at Hillsboro.

My Whistling Lad

(This poem was written by Mrs. Anna L. Price about her son, Calvin.)

A while since beneath my window,
He whistled in boyish glee,

And spite of the cloudy morning
'Twas a pleasant sound to me.

My heart rose up from it's sadness,

I could not whistle like him,
But the hours broke forth into

gladness,
That had ushered storm cast
and dim.

What if there be checks and be-
setments,

weeding their gardens or strolling down
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And best days of life-time gone
by

The kindest blessings linger,
Painted blue on the upper sky.

It takes but a little to cheer us—
The voice of a whistling lad,
Going forth to his daily labor,

Free and happy, though roughly
clad.

Then whistle away, my laddie,
'Twill help you and others to
bear

The burden that falls to the
shoulder,

Let the weather be storm tossed
or fair.

Sherman Gibson

Sherman Gibson died in the Clifton Forge Hospital on March 28, 1945. He had been in failing health for some time. Five years before his death, he had suffered the amputation of a leg.

He was a son of Samuel and Fanny Hicks Gibson. He had spent his seventy-eight years of life on the old Gibson homestead, near Frost. He was a very prosperous farmer and stockman. His home is known far and wide for its hospitality. His home life was an inspiration to many who have been in his home. He was always ready to sympathize, council and advise; and enjoyed jokes and fun and playing pranks.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. Kate Deyer Gibson three sons, Raymond of Columbus, Ohio; Richard, at home at home and Samuel, of Marlinton. Three daughters, Mrs. Samuel Gilmer, of Lewisburg; Glenna and Edna Lee, at home.

Mr. Gibson will not only be missed by his family, but by his community, and a host of relatives and friends over the county and state.

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Mrs. L. Kate Dever Gibson died in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital in Marlinton on Thursday, August 20, 1959, after a long illness.

Mrs. Gibson was born in Highland County Virginia on September 4, 1877. She was the daughter of the late Samuel G. and Anna Mary Dever. Her husband, Sherman Gibson, preceded her in death in 1945.

Mrs. Gibson was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, located on Knapps Creek.

Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Veva Gilmore, of Lewisburg; Miss Glenna Gibson, at home, and Mrs. Edna Lee Gay, of Cortland, Ohio; and three sons, Raymond Gibson, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Richard Gibson, at home; and Samuel Gibson, of Marlinton; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Florence Lightner, at Dunmore.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the home near Frost by the Rev. Raymond Sidney Pinch, with burial in the Mountain View Cemetery.

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